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March 23, 2022

## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Executive Director Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia SC 29210

Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (For

**Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment)** 

**Docket No. 2022-1-E** 

**Proof of Bill Inserts** 

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On December 7, 2021, the Clerk's Office issued a Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in the above-referenced docket, along with a transmittal letter instructing Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") to furnish the Notice to customers via bill insert on or before March 3, 2022. A Revised Notice of Filing and Public Hearing (the "Notice") was subsequently issued on January 10, 2022. Pursuant to the December 7, 2021 transmittal letter, I have enclosed for filing on behalf of DEP Affidavits affirming that the Notice in the above-referenced docket was provided by bill insert to DEP's retail customers in South Carolina who have elected to receive their bill via mail and electronically, on or before March 3, 2022.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Parties of record

#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### **DOCKET NO. 2022-1-E**

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel	)	<b>AFFIDAVIT</b>
Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC	)	
(For Potential Increase or Decrease in	)	
Fuel Adjustment)	)	
	)	

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Ravenna Martinez, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Communications Consultant for Duke Energy Progress, LLC; that under her direction and supervision, the Revised Notice of Filing and Public Hearing (the "Notice") attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein has been furnished by electronic mail to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Progress, LLC who have agreed to receive notice by electronic mail. The Notice was furnished between the dates of February 1, 2022 to February 28, 2022.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Ravenna Martinez

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22 day of March

, 2022.

Notary Public for North Carolina

My Commission Expires: 06 08 2025

#### REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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#### Why is this Notice Important?\*

- The Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing.
- The Public Service Commission decides what rates a utility can charge.
- This Notice is for electric customers of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and interested persons.

#### What are Fuel Costs?

- Fuel costs, according to the law, include, in part, the cost of fuel, the cost of fuel transportation, and the fuel costs related to the power that electric utilities purchase from other businesses to provide electricity to its customers.
- A procedure for annual hearings to allow the Commission and all interested parties to review the fuel purchasing practices and policies of Duke Energy Progress, LLC and for the Commission to determine if any adjustment in the fuel cost recovery mechanism is necessary and reasonable is required by law. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865

# What is Duke Energy Progress, LLC asking the Public Service Commission to approve?

- The law states, in part, "Upon conducting public hearings in accordance with law, the Commission shall direct each company to place in effect in its base rate an amount designed to recover, during the succeeding twelve months, the fuel costs determined by the Commission to be appropriate for that period, adjusted for the over-recovery or under-recovery from the preceding twelve-month period." S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865(B)
- Also, in this case the Commission will determine whether an increase or decrease should be granted in the fuel cost component designed to recover the additional (incremental) or avoided costs paid (incurred) by the Company to operate (implement) the distributed energy resource program previously approved by the Commission. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-140
- The Commission, on August 19, 2021, in Order No. 2021-569, Page 35 stated, "S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(E) requires the value of energy produced by customer-generators to be updated annually, and the annual fuel proceedings is the logical proceeding to conduct that update."
- The Commission will review the fuel purchasing practices of Duke Energy Progress, LLC during this case and hearing.

To read all of the issues involved in this case, please view the full case file at https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117891.

#### Who is the Public Service Commission (PSC)?

The PSC watches over businesses that provide necessary services for day-to-day life, such as the electricity provided by Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

What is the Case Number?	Docket No. 2022-1-E
Where can I find this Case on the internet?	https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117891
Who Filed this Case?	Duke Energy Progress, LLC
When will the Commission	Monday, June 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This hearing is virtual unless changed by the Commission.
hear the Company's case?**	Where: 101 Executive Center Drive, Hearing Room, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 <u>Livestream</u> the Hearing at https://www.scetv.org/psc,
How can I participate in the Company's case?	Option 1:  • File Public Comments or Letters of Protest by emailing contact@psc.sc.gov - OR-  • Mail Public Comments or Letters of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210  Option 2:  File a Petition to Intervene to become an Intervenor. An Intervenor has the right to testify, cross-examine witnesses, and appeal the Commission's final decision.  You may file a Petition to Intervene by:  • Emailing contact@psc.sc.gov no later than Wednesday, March 23, 2022 - OR-  • Mailing a Petition to Intervene to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210 no later than Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Please include your email address.  You must give a copy of your petition to intervene to all Parties in this case.

<sup>\*</sup>The Case was filed according to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865.

#### Who can I talk to about this Notice?

Duke Energy Progress, LLC	803-988-7135
Office of Regulatory Staff	803-737-5230 or 1-800-922-1531
Department of Consumer Affairs	803-734-4200 or 1-800-922-1594
Public Service Commission	803-896-5100

If the tariffs in this case contain a request for change of rates, the rates could be changed by the Commission in this case.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at  $\underline{\text{www.psc.sc.gov}}$ .

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<sup>\*\*</sup>This Hearing has been scheduled according to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-39-140 and 58-27-865.

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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Thyais Massey

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this the 18 day of Marcu, 2022.

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